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Lisa Eileen Smith, 59, of Charlotte, NC, passed away on May 2, 2024 while under hospice care.

She was born on August 6, 1964, in Perrysburg, OH, the daughter of Robert Lee Smith and Thelma Eileen (Partee) Smith.

Lisa graduated with a B.S. in English Education from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. She was awarded an M.A. in English, Technical Writing, from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. She worked at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in assessments and accreditation, as an instructor of technical communications and as a government documents librarian. She worked at Davidson College, Davidson, NC, in Information Technology Services, as an assistant to the director of the library and as a coordinator of student computing services.

Lisa married Moutaz Khouja, the love of her life, on November 18, 1989. She was the best of neighbors and collected and kept lifelong friends. She enjoyed entertaining, singing with the Choral Arts Society of Davidson, and taking long walks. She was devoted to her beloved cats and all animal causes.

Lisa is survived by her husband, her father and brother, Philip (Karen) Smith, of Perrysburg, OH, and her niece, Catherine Hann (James Quaintance), of Cincinnati, OH. She was preceded in death by her mother and her brother, Gregory Smith.

A celebration of life will be held later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Charlotte, 1348 Parker Dr, Charlotte, NC 28208, <https://humanesocietyofcharlotte.org/>



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James Funeral Home is assisting the family, online condolences may be made at www.jamesfuneralhomelkn.com.



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CB

Cindy Baroudi posted:

Lisa was a childhood friend and roommate in college. We shared a love of music and were in youth choir, bell choir and adult choir at church together. We had many fun trips through youth fellowship and enjoyed those friendships made at Grace United Methodist Church very much. We shared her love for God's creatures. She was very thoughtful and compassionate, and extremely intelligent and thoughtful. We met our spouses together and shared a lot of great memories with one another. So thankful for the time we shared recently in North Carolina. I treasure that visit with her and Moutaz. Moutaz, our hearts go out to you. And also to Phil and Karen.

May 9 at 11:08 AM

JG

Janaki G posted:

My heart goes out to our dear colleague, Moutaz and Lisa's family. May you rest in peace, Lisa and big hugs and prayers to the family.

May 7 at 6:56 AM

MD

Mary Haucke-Davis posted:

Lisa was my very good college friend. She was extraordinarily thoughtful, loving and kind. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

May 5 at 9:35 AM

GB

George B. posted:

So sorry to hear this. Sending everyone a big hug and prayers. -George

May 4 at 6:05 AM



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Joseph Nicholson posted:

During her time in SCUA at Atkins Library, Lisa was known for her versatility, her remarkable capacity to pick up new skills and master them in short order, her exceptional talents as a baker, and most of all for her thoughtfulness, kindness, and warm, unassuming personality. She had a ready smile for everyone she met and an understated midwestern sense of humor that was so dry that you might miss it if you weren't paying attention. Though modest by nature, never one to make great claims for herself, she contributed in countless ways to the work of SCUA and Atkins Library through her cataloging and metadata acumen and astonishing productivity, which was equal to that of a full-time staff member. She dealt with a completely unfair and taxing illness with remarkable determination and grace, and had hoped to be able to return to work at Atkins Library at some point--but it was not to be. We honor her memory and her many contributions to Atkins Library with gratitude and love. Joseph Nicholson Atkins Library

May 3 at 9:06 AM



Dawn F. May 23 at 3:35 PM

I am heartbroken, Khoujie. You both are so very special to me. I have so many great memories of our times together: the quiet New Years Eve celebrations; the baby shower you guys hosted 19 years ago!!!; many dinners after Miss Leees and I did our walk; the movie nights together ("the house was for sale"); cat-sitting for each other; how you guys took in Spanky for us after the unthinkable, without question...so many special, special memories. Lisa made me a better person just for knowing her. I've never met someone so genuine, kind, empathetic, smart, sensitive, outspoken...and what a great laugh she had. I will miss her periodic (perfectly written) e-mails so badly. What a dear friend to have had in my life, and I am so very thankful. Thank you for all you did for us, and me, Miss Leees. I will try to live every day to honor YOU. I love you and will miss you dearly. We love you too, Khoujie. xoxo



Ram Kumar May 6 at 5:17 PM

Lisa and Moutaz were one of the first people we met when we moved to Charlotte over 30 years ago. We have been always amazed by how kind and helpful Lisa was. May she rest in peace. Heartfelt condolences to Moutaz and Lisa's families. Ram and Usha



Monika Soler-Correa May 6 at 9:25 AM

I worked with Lisa in SCUA. I will miss her kindness and thoughtfulness. She was truly a wonderful co-worker and will be deeply missed.



Cindy Fox May 4 at 7:08 AM

Was blessed to call Lisa a friend, a kind and courageous person always giving encouragement to those who interacted with her. Condolences to Moutaz and family. Cindy Fox



Selah Bunzey May 4 at 5:46 AM

We have a large extended family and a business so I make little time for personal friends. Though I don't have any 'best' friends, I've always thought of Lisa as one of my dearest



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friends. Over the years I've often told my husband Lisa was the sweetest, most thoughtful, person I've ever met. Always sending a birthday card, and the first Christmas card each year. I'd hoped with retirement we would get to reconnect. My motto is 'get it on the calendar, or it won't happen', but Lisa and I were never able to set a date during her treatment, and I will forever regret not dropping everything to come see her in rehab. There's another fact of life, it's later than you think. We worked together at Davidson College where I admired her interaction with students. You could tell they loved being around her. They too were drawn to her caring nature, a second mom to some I'm sure. She was always the one to encourage a long lunchtime walk where we'd hash out life's situations. Lisa would ask me questions that made me see predicaments in a different light and let go of my disgruntled baggage. I don't think Lisa ever stopped thinking about others. I am just heartbroken for Moutaz and will miss her friendship deeply. Selah Bunzey



Gary F Kohut May 3 at 10:35 AM

Lisa was a magnetic person who always had a smile and a joy for life. She made friends so effortlessly. She made her mark in this world and now will enjoy the joy and comforts of Heaven. Moutaz, I cannot imagine the depth of your loss. My deepest condolences to you and the entire family. Gary Kohut



Joseph Nicholson May 3 at 10:05 AM

All of us send our deepest condolences to Moutaz and family. Joseph Nicholson



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lisa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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